

REMARKS

Applicant acknowledges the allowability of Claims 2, 6 and 7 indicated in the Office Action.

The only claims rejected on the basis of prior art were Claims 1 and 3 which have been cancelled, along with Claims 4 and 5.

In the present amendment, only Claims 2, 6 and 7 and claims dependent thereon remain.

With respect to the claims, Applicant advises as follows:

Claim 2 is written in independent form;

Claim 6 has been amended to depend solely from allowable Claim 2;

Claim 7 depends from allowable Claim 2;

New Claim 8 combines the contents of allowable Claim 6 and Claim 1 and should be allowable;

New Claim 9 combines the contents of allowable Claim 6 and Claim 3 and should be allowable;

New Claim 10 corresponds to original Claim 4 made dependent on allowable Claim 2;

New Claim 11 corresponds to original Claim 5 made dependent on allowable Claim 2;

New Claim 12 is to a more specific embodiment of the present invention dependent on allowable Claim 8.

The claims now present are all allowable independent claims or claims dependent thereon, these being Claims 2, 6 and 7-12.

In view of the present amendment, Claims 2, 6 and 7-12 are believed to be in condition for allowance and early action towards that end is respectfully requested.

If, for any reason, it is felt that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fees for such an extension of time and any other fees which may be due with respect to this paper, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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